

SOCIETY CHAT.

On Wednesday evening occurred the wedding of Miss Florence Kalbfus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kalbfus, and Mr. John B. Torbert, of this city. The ceremony was performed in St. Mark's Church, by the rector, Rev. A. Florides Steele. The decorations of the church were handsome palms and ferns and masses of chrysanthemums. The ushers were Messrs. Torbert, Juncoson, and Crenshaw. The best man was Mr. W. D. Porter, Jr. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Nannie Torbert and Miss May Howard. Miss Bessie Barnett, of Philadelphia, was maid of honor, and the bride was followed by two little attendants, Miss Josie Foertsch and Master Harry Clapp. Miss Kalbfus's dress was of heavy white faille with train of brocade. She wore a tulle veil and held a bunch of chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern. The maid of honor was in white moiré and gauze, and the bridesmaids in white silk. A large reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 2331 A street northeast. At 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Torbert started on their wedding tour. When they return they will be at home on Tuesdays in January, at 46 D street southeast.

In the Poultry M. E. Church, on Monday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, Miss Clara Virginia Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohen, of No. 513 F street, and Mr. William Francis Wollard were married by Rev. Charles Baldwin, of Wesley Chapel, assisted by Rev. Dr. George Elliott. The ushers were Messrs. Charles Stanley, Robert Allen, Robert Cohen, Alexander Pope, Dr. H. B. Deale, and Mr. Edwin H. Linville, of Philadelphia. The wedding march was played by the brother of the bride, Mr. William K. Cohen. As the bride entered the church with her father the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. Howard Bartie, awaited her at the altar. Miss Cohen wore a stylish traveling costume of Bogota-red cloth, with garniture of velvet and satin. Her train matched her gown, and her bouquet was of Pearl du Jardin roses. Mr. and Mrs. Wollard were driven to the depot from the church. They took the 11:20 train for the West. On their return here they will live at No. 1320 Tenth street. The bride's presents were numerous, as well as valuable. The parents of the bride and groom contributed substantial checks as their gifts.

The reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Gurley on Monday evening to the Y. M. C. A. was a most elegant affair. Their beautiful house, corner of Sixteenth and O streets, was lavishly adorned with flowers. In the dining-room a superb collation was set out and a corps of trained waiters looked after the refreshment of the guests.

Rev. J. D. Arnold has issued cards for the marriage ceremony of his daughter, Lillian, and Mr. John T. Schaaf, on Thursday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va. After December 15 the newly-married pair will be at home at No. 1209 O street.

It will be sad news to the many friends of Mrs. Burnett in this city to learn that Dr. Burnett has received a despatch from Mrs. Burnett stating that Lionel, their elder son, is now lying at the point of death in Paris. His demise is hourly expected.

The marriage of Miss Adele Marie Blaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Blaine, and Dr. Thomas F. Mallan will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in St. Peter's New Church. Cards have been issued for the ceremony.

The Charity Ball that is to come off in Georgetown on Thanksgiving night is for a purpose that must enlist the sympathy and call forth the aid of many in this District. The object of the ball is to start a fund for a home for aged colored people. The ball will take place

in Luthieum Hall, and the following prominent Georgetown ladies have it in charge: Mrs. Pitt Cooke, Mrs. R. B. Tenny, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Walter Wheatley, Mrs. E. L. Dent, Mrs. Forrest Dodge, Mrs. William Middleton, Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Mohun, Mrs. Chapin, Miss Emily Bittenhouse, Mrs. William A. Leetch, Miss Ella Moore, Mrs. William Orme, Mrs. J. D. Patton, Mrs. C. H. Cragin, Mrs. Downs Wilson, and Mrs. William Brace.

Miss Kate K. French, of Glade Spring, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Findlay Harris, of 1748 Corcoran street. Mr. Harris's house on Sixteenth street, above R, now in process of construction, will be a handsome addition to the many elegant houses in that choice locality.

Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCormick for the wedding of their daughter, Flora Cecil, and Mr. Joseph B. Eckhart. The ceremony will take place in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Mrs. Chamberlain, and Miss Chamberlain sailed from New York last week for England. They had made an extended visit to Mrs. Chamberlain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Endicott, at Salem, Mass.

The engagement has been announced of Mr. T. F. Schneider, of Washington, to Miss Mary Beach, of Toledo, Ohio. Miss Beach is the grand-daughter of the Hon. J. R. Osborne. The marriage will take place in the spring.

Mrs. Flora A. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dulin have returned to Washington, and have taken the house No. 1337 K street for the winter.

Mr. W. A. Sheppard and daughters will occupy this season the house No. 3 Dupont Circle. They will receive their friends on Saturday afternoons.

Miss Carrie Harrold, daughter of Rev. Dr. Harrold, has entirely recovered from her illness of last summer. She is at her home, 1734 Corcoran street.

The wedding of Miss Emily Hyde and Mr. Barry Bulkley will take place on Wednesday in St. John's Church, Georgetown.

Mrs. Hopkins, with her two young sons, has returned from Europe and is at her home on I street, above Seventeenth.

Miss Milcado, of Norfolk, will spend the season at the Clarendon as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Leonard.

Senator and Mrs. Hawley are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second daughter.

Miss Lucy Page will spend the season with Lieutenant and Mrs. Carroll Mercer, at 1744 P street.

Mrs. John Dodge, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. William Thompson Harris, of I street.

General and Mrs. Ordway and Miss Blacklock are settled in their new home on P street.

Miss Eliza Chew, of Baltimore, is visiting the Misses Woodward, of No. 3107 N street.

Mr. B. F. Winger and family are occupying the house No. 1021 Connecticut avenue.

Mrs. and Miss Hanon are located at 806 Eighteenth street for the season.

Admiral Joutet has returned from Sandy Springs, where he summered.

Capt. R. W. Meade and family are located at No. 1100 Vermont avenue.

Mrs. Jean Davenport Lander has returned from Europe.

Mrs. E. C. Messer gave a luncheon party on Thursday.

Miss Clara Okie has returned from New York.

Mr. P. M. Richardson, of this city, connected with the railway mail headquarters, and Miss

Anna Oswald, of York, Pa., were married on Thursday evening last at York in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering. The affair was the social event of the season in the pretty Pennsylvania city, and guests from all parts of the State were present. After a trip of some length through the North Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will return to this city to make it their home.

Commissioner and Mrs. Robert are very pleasantly located for the winter at No. 1812 N street. Mrs. Robert has borne up admirably under the many trying ordeals to which she has been subjected during the Commissioner's long illness. He is now convalescing, and his friends hope for his speedy recovery. Mr. Robert is descended from an old and well-known New England family, and is most gracious and amiable and a fine conversationalist. Their only son, Henry M., Jr., is very bright, and is now prepared for college. Their youngest child, Portia, greatly resembles the Lawtons, her paternal grandmother having been the sister of General A. R. Lawton, of Savannah, President Cleveland's Minister to Russia.

An enjoyable masquerade was given at Professor Caldwell's dancing academy Friday evening. Among those present were Minnie Ridgeway, Clara Holtzman, Josie Pumphrey, Little Fisher, Josie Thompson, Blanche Brown, Addie Brown, Sarah Baldwin, J. S. Duffy, J. D. Medley, Mr. Shipley, Mr. Stridell, G. Kiggan, and Nat. Downey. Professor and Mrs. Caldwell were presented with a handsome silver water pitcher.

Mrs. Henry Bacon and Miss Florence Bacon, of Goshen, N. Y., who were here two winters ago, have returned for a few weeks, and are at the Arno. Mr. Bacon has been reflected to Congress from the Goshen District, after being out one term.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hayden have returned for the winter and are at their Sixteenth-street house. General and Mrs. Reynolds have also returned from their summer home at Old Point.

Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Maison, of Goshen, N. Y., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Seymour W. Fulloch, of East Capitol street.

Miss Beulah Parson, of 825 Fourteenth street, who has been visiting friends in Boston, will return December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Carpenter are located for the winter at G and Twentieth streets.

Miss Grace Taylor is visiting the Misses Calhoun at No. 1612 Twenty-first street.

Mrs. L. H. McMasters has taken rooms for the winter at 1454 Corcoran street.

Actor and Athlete.

From the N. Y. World.

Barrymore is the only one of the distinctively handsome actors on the New York stage who is more popular with men than with women. His magnificent physical proportions and his fame as a wrestler, boxer, and athlete have spread pretty much over the world. He once held the heavy-weight championship at Oxford, and in the many rows into which his impetuous nature has led him in this country he has come off victorious without exception. He does not look it, but he is in the early forties, and his hair has thinned out woefully on the top of his head. On the stage he wears a toupee, and it is so artfully put on that it is impossible to detect the line where the real hair stops and the artificial that begins. Mr. Barrymore commonly retires at 5 in the morning and arises at 10. He considers five hours' sleep ample for a man, and he has for years maintained a perfect degree of health on the allowance.

How Songs Become Popular Airs.

From the N. Y. Star.

Simply the melody of a catch nursery rhyme, with a song appended, usually is taken up quickly by the popular ear. This was the case with "Rock-a-bye, Baby," which was written by Mrs. Canning, of Boston. "The Letter that Never Came," by Paul Dresser, was published in Chicago in 1887, and was first introduced by Miss May Howard, who, in fact, first sprang into popularity by singing it. She is fortunate enough to share the profits of the song with her author, and her commission on it sometimes reaches from \$200 to \$300 a month.

"White Wings" was written and set to music by Banks Winter, and was introduced by Thatcher, Primrose & West's Minstrel Company in 1782. It was an immediate success.

A song which has not yet lost its place in public favor, and which will probably always rank among the prettiest of Scotch ballads, is "Annie Laurie." A young man named Wallace wrote it on his deathbed and dedicated it to the girl of that name, whom cruel parents had prevented from marrying him. Annie Laurie was born in 1837, and was about seventeen years old when the incident occurred. Wallace was one of her father's farm laborers, and was discharged when it was found that he was in love with Annie. He went home and was taken ill the night of his arrival. When she heard of his illness Annie Laurie went to his bedside and waited on him till he died.

It was Billy Rice, the famous minstrel, who first sang "Listen to My Tale of Woe," which was made so popular in Francis Wilson's "Oolah." It was written by Eugene Field several years ago, and was first published in the Chicago News.

"Down Went McGinty" made a hit at Tony Pastor's about a year ago, when a variety performer, in doing his "turn," sang it. The song was evolved from the teeming brain of a young Irish Bohemian named Joe Flynn. He wrote it in April, 1888, but did not think enough of it at the time to put it on the market. Of its origin Mr. Flynn says: "If you ever heard the story of the Irishman who was carried in a hod to the top of a seven-story building by a friend as the result of a bet that the feat could not be accomplished, and who remarked on paying over the money, 'Well, Pat, you've won fairly, but when your feet slipped at the sixth story, be jabers, I had hopes.' You will know what suggested the first verse of the song. If you have ever heard the air of the old song about the man who had a wooden leg and who had 'no tobacco in his old tobacco box' you can guess where the suggestion for the tune came from."

Mr. Nolan, an English-born Irishman, is the author of "Annie Rooney." It was never copyrighted, and every publisher put it on sale. It would have been worth \$100,000 to any one publisher who could have bought it outright.

Flowers at Funerals.

From London Truth.

At the funeral of an infant or a young maiden—on the bier of an Ophelia, for example—a profusion of flowers may have a certain poetic fitness. But nothing, to my mind, can be more grotesquely out of place than a pile of snow-white garlands and floral crosses upon the coffin of some battered old sinner, for whom in life both flowers and crosses had equally little meaning or attraction. In truth, as everybody knows, the floral displays which now give such a May-Day character to our hearse, are signs not of respect for the departed, but of the purchasing power of the living. For the most part, they are either mere empty compliments or expressions of ostentatious snobbery, and they deserve no more toleration than the hired plumes and scarves by which the "mourners" of the last generation indicated their feelings.

The Use of Perfumes.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

No truly elegant and refined woman ever makes use of violent perfumes. It is not by a mere change of fashion that scents are so much less employed of late than they were some years ago. Many doctors assert that the powerful essences with which women saturate their clothes and handkerchiefs are often the direct cause of headaches and nervous disorders of all kinds. Good taste alone should prevent ladies from using anything but the most delicate and evanescent of extracts; everything about a young and pretty woman ought to be sweet-smelling, but not to the degree of making this sweetness offensive to her entourage. To attain this aim all the drawers and cupboards, chiffoniers, and clothes-presses in a woman's dressing-room should be lined with large flat sachets filled with a mixture of orris-root, violet amber, and peau d'Espagne powder. These particular odors agree well and blend together with a result which, without being strong, is both enduring and extremely agreeable. Furthermore, the linen when returned from the laundry should be sprinkled lightly with lavender and verbena water, a process which removes the odor of starch and soap lingering in its delicate folds.

Parting the Hair in the Middle.

From the N. Y. World.

The foreman of one of the largest barber shops in New York is authority for the statement that the number of men who part their hair in the middle is increasing every day. The fashion has grown, according to this expert in the matter of dressing hair, so rapidly that it would not be out of the way to say that fully one-half the men who formerly derided this once much-condemned fashion are gradually getting around to it. "They begin," said the barber yesterday, "by parting the hair a little higher up on the head by degrees until they finally get it exactly in the centre. I remember very well when it was a very rare thing for a man to part his hair directly over the nose, but all of the contempt and fun which such a proceeding evoked are now replaced by indifference as far as the public is concerned. Twenty years ago a politician who parted his hair in the middle courted disaster at the polls. Now no end of statesmen, prominent or otherwise, wear their hair in a dandified fashion, and it does not even call forth a remark. The only thing that the rank and file strenuously and positively object to is a magnum bang. They won't have that at any price."

The Dawn Far Off in Russia.

From the Fortnightly Review.

The genuine Russian gentleman and the ideal Russian lady—both exist, and are to be found among sectarian peasants as well as in exclusive salons of St. Petersburg—are among the noblest specimens of civilized humanity; the refreshing unconventionality of thought and expression, the graceful simplicity of manner, the wonderful delicacy of feeling, the generous aspirations and noble yearnings—might, if they grew to be the characteristics of the nation, effect great things. But is there any serious hope of this? Let the Archbishop of Kherson and Odessa reply, who himself sprung from the people, has spent a long life in their midst working for their weal, like a solitary swallow hopelessly coming to make spring before the sap stirs within the trees, the frail blossoms are hung out on the branches, or even the snowdrop has looked up at the sun. "On the whole," he said last year, on a very solemn occasion, "the state of things in Russia is sad. The people's minds are woefully dark, and there is no sign of the coming dawn." Nor is it likely that day will break for many generations yet to come.

A GREAT SALE OF MILLINERY!

It's just at the time of year when importers are off for Europe to make spring purchases, and manufacturers are clearing up the "ends" preparatory to spring manufacturing. That the right man in the right place can pick up bargains, our outlet is so great that we are always in the market for the "Plums," and this week we secured some that will constitute the greatest Millinery sale of the age. Read the following items and see what we cleaned up. It really is wonderful:

Birds and Fancy Feathers.

We struck it rich with the importers in this line. There are about 875 Fancy Feathers that would have sold regularly from \$1.50 to \$2.50 apiece you can have your choice to-morrow for 79c. They are the finest imported fancies and positively worth what we say.

In Birds Lot No. 1—19c. each—contains Birds of all kinds and colors. We couldn't think of selling them for double the money had we bought them regularly. But we didn't. You'll find 19c. a merely nominal price.

Lot No. 2 are fine Colored and Black Birds at 49c. A week ago you would have paid 75c., \$1, and \$1.25 for the same birds. We told you why we sell them. You can appreciate it.

350 Dozen Felt Hats.

The very same goods that we sold at 69c. apiece, at

39c.

Mind you, the same goods they come from the same factory. They are "THE SAME." We bought them cheap, and you shall have the benefit. They are all colors and all shapes. All our manufacturer had. He wanted to close. We closed. There you have the whole story. It's a big lot. But even big lots of 69c. that sell out quick at 39c. Better be one of the first here to-morrow morning. We have a small lot of NELLIE BLY CAPS. Just a few. We'll close them at 25c. and 98c. They sold from 50c. to \$1.50. They are very cheap.

Ribbons.

You know that lot of fine Gros Grains we had? The regular price of them was 50c. a yard. Did you see them? We sold them at 25c. We had 856 pieces of them when we started; about 500 pieces have been sold—that's a good many—about 5,000 yards. The balance, 356 pieces, go on sale to-morrow at 19c. a yard. Quite a low price for Ribbons worth 50c., isn't it? But there are more things coming, and we can't have goods stay long on our shelves. We sell them quick. It won't take long to move them at 19c.

There's another lot of Ribbons here that demand your attention. They are fine Imported Plaids with wide Satin Stripes. The price that goes on to-morrow is 17c.

Never mind the value; it's nearly twice the price we quote. Come HERE and see if it isn't. WE'LL SOON CONVINCE you that we are THE Ribbon house of Washington.

Silk Velvets.

Did any one ever tell you that we have as large a stock of Velvets as there is in the city, and that our price is from 10 to 15 per cent. lower than you can buy them anywhere? If they did you can believe it—it is true.

We are a Millinery House. But we sell lots and lots of Velvets for dress trimmings, for the simple reason that we sell them a great deal lower than DRY GOODS STORES. We mention no prices; they don't signify anything, quality must be considered. See the goods, note how they are marked, and tell us if we are not right.

Ostrich Tips, Etc.

Ostrich Tips, etc., come in with the balance. Here, too, are special values, such as you have never seen. Fancy Pon Pons, Ostrich Baudoux, besides Tips and Plumes. That's what the manufacturers want to get rid of and that's just what you want. The prices are wonderful. It is wonderful to note the extreme low figures fancy goods will come to. You know those Bird Crowns we had early in the season. We were about the only house here that had them. Our price was then \$3.50 apiece. The importer said the fifty he had left must go. We bought them to sell at \$1.75. That will make them interesting, and THEY ARE THE MOST STYLISH CROWNS OUT THIS SEASON.

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